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Grand News

By: Leo Hoefler

The Month of June is getting very close and I sit down to write this newsletter with mixed emotions. While I am very happy to move to the next part of my life i.e. going to T Ball games and dance recitals / going Fishing with my Grand Kids / going Turkey and Deer hunting / working on playing that banjo that keeps kicking me around, I am very humbled and appreciative of the members in this council. This council has the very best of members that any council could possibly have. I cannot thank you all enough for your support and cooperation

that you have given me the last several years. My predecessors Gordon Carmichael and Mike Violett laid down the ground work for me to move this council forward into the social media of Web Pages, Email, Facebook, Text Messaging, etc.

A Special thanks to Len Archer and Darrin Welchert for putting these Web pages and Newsletter all together.

Again I thank each and every member for your help in the last several years.

RECRUITING UPDATE:

We must continue to push for new memberships with our council. Every member should ask at least 1 person to consider joining our council each month.



Report of Yearly Council Activities (2015-2016)

By: Leo Hoefler

Normal Knights of Columbus Activities (required of all councils)

- Monthly meetings the 1st Tuesday of every month
- Monthly newsletters sent by e-mail and mail to all members
- Bi-Annual Audits to insure compliance with K of C Supreme Council requirements.
- Annual Parish K of C Memorial Mass for all deceased members
- Annual parish-wide K of C Membership Drive
- Recruitment presentation for the Knights of Columbus to new RCIA converts
- Attending K of C state conventions
- Attending K of C District Deputy Meetings
- Two K of C Potluck Dinners (Installation of New Officers and hosting of 4th Degree)
- Development of the new interactive K of C web site and communications tools.
- Building the Domestic Church while strengthening our parish.
- Participation in the K of C Individual Insurance Program.

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Thank You For Donating Blood - "The Gift Of Life"

Council Blood Drive

By: Mike Violett

I want to thank everyone who was able to come in May and give blood in the hopes of saving a life. As anyone who gives knows; it's the one thing we can do as Knights that shows we support Mercy and doesn't cost anything but our time. I want to thank Mark Werner for helping me call, set up appointments, and help greet people who came in to donate blood. We had 18 donors and collected 19 units of blood. We will not host another drive until September 19, 2016. We

would like everyone to save this date so we can double our units by asking every donor to bring a friend; now I know this sounds like I'm not grateful for what the good lord sent us but I think with 65 members and over a thousand families in our parish we should try to be the best we can be.



Mark Werner and Mike Violett Staff The Refreshment Station



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Len and Leo with SFX KofC and NASCAR head gear supporting both passions

A Brotherly Focus "Knight Races"- With Your Grand Knight and Council Webmaster

By: Len Archer

What do you think a retired trucking executive and a retired university chemistry professor have found that they have in common? For Grand Knight Leo Hoefler and our Council Webmaster Len Archer the answer is ---- NASCAR RACING. These two could be found together with 75,000 other fans enjoying the recent NASCAR spring races for both the Camping World Truck series and Sprint Cup Car series at the Kansas Speedway. Leo who worked full-time as an operations manager at a local warehouse also used to work part-time pushing Sprint Cars at Knoxville, Iowa for racing teams in his younger years and even built and raced his own modified car a vintage '29 Model A Ford Sedan. Leo raced weekly for approximately 5 years at the local dirt tracks at Osborn, Mo and Adrian, MO. Leo was very

competitive as a race car driver and is quoted as saying that: "It was much more profitable for me to quit racing than it would have been to continue at the rate that I was having all of my mishaps on the track."

Len, who taught university chemistry at MWSU for 47 years, has had a season ticket package for every NASCAR event at the Kansas Speedway in Kansas City Kansas since its opening 15 years ago and usually attended with his eldest son. During a couple of those years Len's job as a chemistry professor led him to direct a non-traditional student (who also raced modified stock cars) in scientific research related to many aspects of NASCAR racing. The research involved both in-laboratory and on-track studies of topics such as fuel formulations, rubber tire compounding, effects of heat-

ing and cooling cycles on tire performance, development of on-track engine oil analysis, use of tracer metals in race engine fabrication, and studies of traction control. When his son's job required him to move to Europe two years ago, Len looked for someone else to share his interest in racing. Leo eagerly accepted Len's invitation to attend the races and the two have shared their common interest at three NASCAR races to date. Their favorite drivers are Carl Edwards (#19), Kevin Harvick (#4), and rookie driver Ryan Blaney (#21). In the past Leo and Len both had working professional or racing affiliations with NASCAR driver Dave Blaney, who is the father of Ryan Blaney, one of the current leading contenders for NASCAR Rookie Driver of the Year.

Diocesan New Clergy Assignments

The Kansas City-St. Joseph Diocese Bishop James Johnson announced the following clergy assignments in the May 20th issue of the Catholic Key. Fr. Ron Will, CPPS, Pastor of St Francis Xavier Parish in St Joseph, is additionally appointed Parochial Administrator of Seven Dolors Parish in Hurlingen, effective July 1. Fr. Joseph Miller, CPPS, Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Warrensburg, is appointed Parochial Vicar of St Francis Xavier Parish in St. Joseph and Seven Dolors Parish in Hurlingen, effective July 1, with residence at St. Francis Xavier. Fr. Joseph Bathke, CPPS, currently on chaplaincy duty in Rockford, Illi-

nois, appointed Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Warrensburg, effective July 1, with residence at Warrensburg.

In the April 17th SFX Parish Bulletin, Fr. Mark Yates announced that he had been appointed Parochial Administrator for three rural parishes in Georgetown, Lovilia, and Melrose in Iowa which are near Albia where Fr. Mike Volkmer (former Pastor of St. Francis Xavier) is now serving. His appointment is also effective July 1st.

We thank Fr. Yates for his dedicated service to St Francis Xavier Parish over the past four years and wish him

good luck in his new assignment. We will continue to support our Council 15126 Chaplain, Fr. Ron Will, in his current position as our Pastor and in his newly added duties at Hurlingen and we look forward to again working with Fr. Joe Miller, as he returns to St Francis as our Associate Pastor after serving 26 years away from our parish in various other positions.



Fr. Joe Bathke

“We thank Fr. Mark Yates for his dedicated service to St Francis Xavier Parish .”



Fr. Joe Miller

Food For Families Donation Tops 1000 Pounds On May 5th!

By: Gordon Carmichael

The Council 15126 Food For Families final report for 2015-2016 is now complete. Over the past year we have donated a total of 1,116 pounds of food to the St. Francis Xavier House of Bread. Larger councils many times do not do this well. Brother Knights you all deserve a pat on the back for a job well done. I will continue to collect canned goods or other miscellane-

ous produce for next year’s program. If you normally give to the House of Bread please donate under the name of the Knights of Columbus. When you have food items please feel free to get them to me or call me at 816-364-1714. Thank you to all council members who donated canned goods or money to this program.

Leo who volunteers at the House of Bread accepting the delivery made by Gordon that topped the 1,000 pound mark!



Elections of New Officers Held in June

Its that time in our fraternal year to elect a new board of officers. If you want a active voice in our council be present at the meeting to vote on June 7 at 7:00 pm. Nominations are listed below and can also be taken from the floor.

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Deputy Grand Knight
SK John J Catron

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Recorder
SK Leonard J Archer
Joseph C Marmaud
Treasurer
SK Roger A Rohrer
Advocate
SK John J Bitunjac
SK Joseph F Still
Warden
SK William B Carr

SK Daniel L Deatherage
Inside Guard
SK Mitchell G Gerving
SK Brian A King
Outside Guard
SK Jean Paul Mungundu Vushi
3yr Trustee
SK Leo E Hoefler
2yr Trustee
SK Joseph F Still
1yr Trustee
SK Leo M Violet





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Newsletter deadline for articles and pictures is 10 days prior to monthly meeting. Email content to dwelchert@hotmail.com.

June Calendar of Events

Council Meeting at SFX– Voting for New Officers
Tuesday, June 7, 2016 7:00 pm

Serve All Masses
June 18-19, 2016

Rosary at SFX
Monday, June 20, 2016 6:15 pm

Council Officer Installation Dinner
Tuesday, June 28, 2016 6:00 pm



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By: Leo Hoefler

Knights of Columbus Support Activities to the Parish

- Serve all masses at church the 3rd weekend of each Month
- Conduct parish Rosary on the Third Monday of each Month
- Help Parish Breakfast Club Serve Sunday Breakfast monthly during winter after Masses on Sunday
- Prepare and serve 5 Lenten Dinners on Friday nights during lent. Including the Jeff Cavins Friday/Saturday Event
- Coordinate and Conduct Quarterly Parish Blood Drives for Red Cross at Parish Center
- Provide weekly volunteers to work at the House of Bread (greater than 100 hrs/yr).
- Served dinners at the yearly Parish School Auction
- Conduct annual Priest Appreciation Dinner for Parish (3 priest stipends given)
- Conduct annual fried chicken dinner for Parish (this year on the 125th anniversary ending date) and with School Festival following the Bishop's Mass
- Volunteer coordinators for the Discovering Christ Programs and Dinners (table leaders – many were Knights from SFX)
- Help with the Men of Faith Ministry (group leadership and breakfast preparation)

- K of C \$1000 Scholarship award given to St Francis Xavier School annually.
- Sell enchilada's after all masses every 5th weekend (money making activity for all K of C charitable projects)

Knights of Columbus Service to the Community (outside of the parish)

- K of C float in annual city-wide parades advertising St Francis Xavier (Apple Blossom and St. Patrick's parades)
- K of C 4th Degree St Joseph General Assembly meetings and functions including many Honor Guard events region-wide.
- Coordinate and lead an annual St Joseph Walk For Life Event in October for the prevention of Abortion
- Moved donated household goods to SFX Sale from house and served food at the sale.
- Volunteer work for Habitat for Humanity and building of houses.
- Moved and installed playground equipment at St Joseph Youth Alliance office complex.
- Moved two elderly persons from apartments to Senior Citizens' high rise apartments.
- Participation (volunteers) for three Faith In Action projects.
- Cutting and Splitting Firewood for disabled client
- Building ramp access to disabled homes (two projects)
- Transportation of elderly clients

- Board Member representative from Knight of Columbus
- Support for Youth Programs
- School basketball free throw contests
- School soccer contests
- School poster programs
- School essay contests

Knights of Columbus Contributions to Various Charitable Organizations

- House of Bread Ministry (over 1000 pounds of canned food donated)
- Special Olympics of Missouri (donation to State K of C Council)
- Catholic Charities of St Joseph (cash donation)
- Benedictine Sisters of Mary Queen of Apostles in Gower (cash donation)
- Boy Scouts of America
- Pregnancy Resource Center
- Open Door Food Kitchen (volunteers and food)
- K of C Benefit Golf Tournament participation (one council team/event)
- Contribution to each parish priest (Appreciation dinner stipends)
- Missouri K of C Religious Information Bureau (125 % for five straight years!)